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Ordinary Meeting

12th January 2015, Council Chamber

1 Confirmation of Minutes

- 1.1 Confirmation of minutes of Ordinary meeting held on 1st December, 2014.
- 1.2 Confirmation of minutes of Preliminary Budget meeting held on 24th November 2014.
- 1.3 Confirmation of minutes of Statutory Budget meeting held on 24th November 2014.

2 Matters arising from the Minutes

3 Expressions of Sympathy and Congratulations

4 Disposal of Land in accordance with Statutory Notices circulated pursuant to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001

5 Statutory Business

5.1 Finance

- 5.1.1 To approve the raising of a loan of €3,000,000 from the HFA to finance approved Housing Loan applications, as authorised by the Housing Acts 1966-1992.

5.2 Planning

- 5.2.1 To receive presentation on the Draft Meath Economic Strategy.
- 5.2.2 To receive presentation on the Draft County Meath Heritage Plan 2015-2020 and agree to place on public display.
- 5.2.3 To receive presentation on the Draft County Meath Biodiversity Plan 2015-2020 and agree to place on public display.



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6 Reports

6.1 Corporate Policy Group

6.2 Protocol Committee

7 Correspondence

7.1 Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Revised Accounting Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations for Local Authorities in Ireland.

7.2 LG 26/2014 - Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Local Government Act 1991 (Regional Assemblies) (Establishment) Order 2014.

7.3 LG 27/2014 and FIN 21/2014 – Department of Environment, Community and Local Government re. Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW).

8 Notice of Question

8.1 Submitted by Councillor Francis Deane

“In 2014 what was the total amount of emergency funding received by Meath County Council to cover allocation for flood and storm damage to bridges, coastline and infrastructure?”

8.2 Submitted by Councillor Sean Smith

“Can Meath County Council provide information on actions taken by the Council with Irish Water and the Environmental Protection Agency on improving Treatment Standards at the Waste Water Treatment sites at Stamullen, Navan and Enfield which failed the EPA Urban Waste Water Report 2013, announced in December?”

8.3 Submitted by Councillor Caroline Lynch

“To ask the Chief Executive to list all Town Council assets that have been sold in the past 12 months and to list those that are being considered for sale / Ceist a chur ar an bPríomhfheidhmeannach liosta a dhéanamh de gach sócmhainn Chomhairle Baile a dhíoladh sa 12 mí deireanacha agus liosta a dhéanamh dóibh siúd a bhfuil plé á dhéanamh ar iad a dhíoladh?”



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8.4 Submitted by Councillor Darren O'Rourke

"To ask the Chief Executive if the comprehensive protocol for the use of the Members Discretionary Fund has been drafted and/or when it will be available / Ceist a chur ar an bPríomhfheidhmeannach an bhfuil an prótacal cuimsitheach maidir le úsáid Chiste Lánroghnach na gComhairleoirí dráichta go fóill, agus muna bhfuil cathain 's a bheidh sé ar fail?"

8.5 Submitted by Councillor Joe Reilly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a full update on Meath County Council workforce planning/resource redistribution changes scheduled for 2015, including the timeframe for same / Ceist a chur ar an bPríomhfheidhmeannach le haghaidh tuairisc chun dáta ar athruithe phleanála fórsa oibre / athdháileadh achmhainne Chomhairle Chontae na Mí atá sceidealaithe do 2015, mar aon leis an spriocdháta do na hathruithe seo?"

8.6 Submitted by Councillor Shane Cassells

"Can the Chief Executive inform members exactly how much each relevant department in Meath County Council will be deducted in order to account for the shortfall in income of nearly €700,000, recorded in the Navan 2014 Budget as a result of over estimation of parking income for the same year, and given the huge magnitude of this figure relevant to our overall budget, is there now going to be a reassessment of the budgetary figures adopted by the elected members in November 2014 for the year ahead?"

9 Notice of Motion

9.1 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde

"Can I call on the Management of Meath County Council, to explore the possibility of providing a free Fire Service call out charge, to people living in rural parts of Meath."

9.2 Submitted by Councillor Eugene Cassidy

"Further to Mairead McGuinness' (MEP) recent letter to Minister Donohoe regarding the possibility of a coordinated approach by his Department, in conjunction with Local Authorities, to secure funding from the European Investment Bank (EIB) towards the delivery of a National Cycle Network; and given the fact that the National Trails Advisory Committee is also currently working on a new Trails Strategy that may provide the national framework with which the EIB would favour funding, I call upon Meath County Council to continue to engage with the Department to secure the necessary funding to deliver the Boyne Valley to Lakelands County Greenway."



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9.3 Submitted by Councillor Paddy Meade

"I call on Meath County Council to seek a detailed report from Irish Water on its protocol in regard to any past, current and future potential leaks from all water treatment and sewerage plants within the catchment area of the River Boyne in County Meath."

9.4 Submitted by Councillor Wayne Forde (carried over from December meeting)

"I call on Management of Meath County Council, and seek the full support of my fellow County Councillors, to write to the Garda Commissioner, seeking a meeting to discuss the huge increase in anti social behaviour, with a view to seeking, more Gardaí for all parts of County Meath."

9.5 Submitted by Councillor Sean Drew (carried over from December meeting)

"I move that Meath County Council call on Minister Jimmy Deenihan, the first ever Minister for the Irish Overseas and Diaspora, to exert all diplomatic and political efforts on President Barack Obama in the formulation of the impending Executive Order on Immigration due to be signed by him in the coming weeks, to ensure the provision for a 'humanitarian visa' that would allow the estimated 50,000 undocumented Irish as well as the estimated 12 million undocumented people - living in the United States to leave and return to the US if they are in need to travel to their home countries to be with family members in times of distress, illness or bereavement."

9.6 Submitted by Councillor Sinéad Burke (carried over from December meeting)

*"That Meath County Council condemns the ongoing programme of direct provision in Meath and across the state and calls on the Minister to end this project immediately/
Go gcáineann Comhairle Chontae na Mí an córas leanúnach soláthar díreach i gContae na Mí agus trasna an stáit agus go n-éilíodh sí ar an Aire Deireadh a chur leis an gcóras láithreach."*

9.7 Submitted by Councillor Noel French

"That Meath County Council requests the Minister for Finance support a personal micro-finance scheme through the Credit Unions to provide small loans to those on low incomes as an alternative to moneylenders."



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9.8 Submitted by Councillor Sharon Keogan

“The members of Meath County Council call on the Minister Joan Burton from the Dept of Social Protection to reinstate the Bereavement Grant, immediately.”

9.9 Submitted by Councillor Damien O’Reilly

“The members of Meath County Council support the relocation of the site of the National Children’s Hospital from St. James’s Hospital to the James Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown, as this is the most accessible site for the children of Meath and children across Ireland.”

9.10 Submitted by the Sinn Féin Councillors

“That Meath County Council opposes any attempt by central Government to involve the Council in the collection of water charges from our tenants, and calls on the Minister for Environment Alan Kelly to withdraw his proposal to place a legal obligation on Councils to recoup water charge arrears from Council tenants /Go gcuireann Comhairle Chontae na Mí i gcoinne iarracht ar bith ón rialtas lárnach baint a bheith ag an gComhairle i mbailiúcháin mhuirir uisce ónár dtionóntaí agus éilíonn sí ar an Aire Comhshaoil Alan Kelly a mholadh maidir le oibleaqáidí dlíthiúla i gcomhair riaráistí a fhorchúitiú ó thionóntaí an Chomhairle a chur ar Chomhairlí a aistarraingt.”

9.11 Submitted by Councillor Johnny Guirke

“That Meath County Council will prepare a position paper, same to be prepared by the end of March 2015, to consider the possibility of introducing a scheme whereby those people with outstanding development levies for one-off houses would get a percentage reduction if they agreed an immediate/timely payment schedule

/ Go n-ullmhóidh Comhairle Chontae na Mí páipéar seasaimh roimh dheireadh Mhí na Márta 2015 maidir le féidearthacht scéim a thabhairt isteach ionas go bhfaighidh daoine le tobhaigh forbartha gan íoc do thí aonuaire ísliú céatadánach má thagann siad ar réiteach maidir le sceideal aisíoc láithreach/tráthúil.”

10 Chief Executive’s Report and Schedule of Chief Executive & Approved Orders (For Information Only)

10.1 Schedule of Chief Executive’s Orders – Transportation



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10.2 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Environment

10.3 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Housing Construction

10.4 Schedule of Chief Executive's Orders – Community & Enterprise

11 Any Other Business

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